



CALIFORNIA WETFISH PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

Representing California's Historic Fishery

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Marine Life Protection Act Initiative c/o Resources Agency 1416 Ninth Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Nomination of member and alternate member for the North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group

California Wetfish Producers Association (CWPA), a non-profit organization representing the majority of fishermen and processors in California who harvest coastal pelagic species, is pleased to recommend the following fishermen to serve on the North Central Coast Regional Stakeholder Group:

Regular member: Michael B. McHenry, Half Moon Bay, CA

Qualifications: Mike McHenry, age 63, has fished commercially for 47 years in a variety of fisheries in California, including rockfish, salmon, Dungeness crab, and, since 1983, squid, sardines and anchovy. Mike owns the fishing vessel Merva W, with home port in Half Moon Bay. He has extensive fishing experience in the north central coast study area, as well as northern and southern California. Mike has in-depth knowledge of nearshore habitats and the major fisheries in the region. He has regular communications with fishermen in the northern central coast area, including fishing associations such as CWPA, PCFFA and the Half Moon Bay Fishermen's Marketing Association. Mike worked actively with other Monterey wetfish fishermen to promote the Market Squid Fishery Management Plan and squid restricted access program. He is willing and able to commit the time necessary to develop a science-based network of MPAs on the north central coast to help achieve the goals of the Marine Life Protection Act.

Alternate for Mike: Tim Sullivan, La Honda, CA

Qualifications: Tim Sullivan has fished since the age of 15, and has owned his own vessel since age 18. Like Mike, Tim has spent his life on the ocean, fishing salmon, Dungeness crab, swordfish, rockfish, albacore, black cod and market squid. He also fishes out of Half Moon Bay, and has extensive knowledge of habitats and fisheries both in the north central coast area, northern and southern California.

Tim also communicates regularly with fishermen in the north central coast region, as well as with associations such as CWPA, PCFFA and the Half Moon Bay Fishermen's Marketing Association.

Both Mike and Tim have extensive local knowledge, are willing to contribute the time necessary to evaluate existing MPAs and develop a network proposal to fulfill the requirements of the MLPA. Both fishermen are well respected within the fishing community and fully capable of conducting outreach to inform other fishermen within the north central fishing community and beyond of the goals and objectives of the MLPA Initiative.

On behalf of the members of CWPA, I would greatly appreciate your consideration of Mike McHenry and Tim Sullivan to serve on the NCCRSB.

Thank you and best regards,

Original /s/

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